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EMBASSY PLEASE PASS TO WILLIAM HENOCHE, ERDA SCIREP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TECH, JA

SUBJECT: REACTOR PIPE CRACKS

REF: CHENIER-HENOCHE TELECON, 7/6/77.

1. NRC GUARDEDLY ADVISED BY GE LATE JULY 1, 1977, OF NEW
PIPE CRACKS FOUND IN MAIN COOLANT RECIRCULATION LINES
AND SHUTDOWN HEAT EXCHANGER LINES OF UNNAMED BOILING WATER
REACTOR IN UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN COUNTRY. NRC HAS REASON
TO BELIEVE REACTOR IS LOCATED IN JAPAN.

2. IF PROBLEM SERIOUS, NRC CONTEMPLATING MAKING ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF FINDING, AND REQUIRING ALL U.S. LICENSEES TO
INVESTIGATE. IF NEED BE, NO MENTION OF FOREIGN SOURCE
WOULD BE MADE IN INITIAL ANNOUNCEMENT. NRC WOULD PLAN TO
COORDINATE WITH JAPANESE GOVERNMENT LATER ANNOUNCEMENT, IF
ANY, WHICH MIGHT REFER TO THEIR ACTIVITIES. NRC UNDERSTANDS
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THAT FINDING OF CRACKS MAY HAVE BEEN REPORTED ALREADY IN
JAPANESE PRESS. PLEASE CONFIRM ACCURACY OF THIS PUBLIC
RELEASE REPORT.

3. NRC REQUESTS ERDA SCIREP'S ASSISTANCE IN MAKING DISCRETE
INQUIRIES OF MITI OFFICIALS AND UTILITIES OPERATING BWR'S

TO DETERMINE IF NEW PIPE CRACKS IN FACT DISCOVERED AND,
IF SO, DETAILS OF DISCOVERY.

4. SCIREP ALSO REQUESTED, IF INFORMATION PROVIDED IS
GIVEN IN CONFIDENCE, TO GET SPECIFIC REQUEST (ORAL OR
WRITTEN) FROM JAPANESE GOVERNMENT THAT NRC PROTECT, AND
TRANSMIT SAME TO NRC TO PROVIDE WRITTEN RECORD.

5. MISSION REQUESTED TO NOTIFY NRC (LAFLEUR) OF FINDINGS
BY TELEPHONE OR TELEGRAM. VANCE

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